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**Text Passage:** Ephesians 6:13-15

Satan has two weapons. The first is the world and its lies, the \_\_\_\_\_ weapon. The second is the flesh and its desires, the \_\_\_\_\_ weapon.

*“My conscience is captive to the Word of God... Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise.” – Martin Luther*

## **ARMOR PIECE #1: THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF TRUTH** (Ephesians 6:14a)

- **Truth is \_\_\_\_\_.**

The belt was an indispensable, essential piece of his \_\_\_\_\_.

Truth is the essential \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian’s armor.

- ▶ **Proverbs 23:23; I Corinthians 13:6; Philippians 4:8; Proverbs 3:3**

- **Truth is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Immutable* means “not subject to change or changeless.”

- ▶ **Hebrews 13:8; Hebrews 1:11-12**

- **Truth is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Incorrigible* means “cannot be improved or perfected.”

God’s truth cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ or perfected.

- ▶ **II Samuel 22:31; Matthew 24:35**

- **Truth is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ▶ **John 8:32; Genesis 3:4-5**

God’s Word is not only an offensive weapon but a \_\_\_\_\_ weapon as well.

▶ Psalm 119:11; Psalm 101:3; Romans 1:16; Ephesians 4:25

- **Truth is** \_\_\_\_\_.

Not only are we to know truth objectively, we are to exhibit truthfulness as a \_\_\_\_\_. We are to be known as truth-tellers.

## **ARMOR PIECE #2: THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** (Ephesians 6:14b)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **is the Breastplate of Righteousness?**

The breastplate's \_\_\_\_\_ was to defend a soldier from arrows, spear or sword thrusts to the vital organs, namely the heart.

The Christian's \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary target of the Devil.

▶ Proverbs 4:23; Isaiah 64:6

Self-righteousness is one of Satan's greatest \_\_\_\_\_.

▶ II Corinthians 5:21

Imputed righteousness saves us from hell, but it does not \_\_\_\_\_ us from Satan here and now.

The Breastplate of Righteousness means living a life of holiness and obedience to God, not imputed but \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness.

▶ Ephesians 4:22-27; Colossians 3:9-14; Philippians 3:9-12

- **How do I \_\_\_\_\_ on the Breastplate of Righteousness?**

Applying practical righteousness means living in a minute by minute \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father.

▶ I Peter 1:15-16

Applying practical righteousness means \_\_\_\_\_ living.

*“Many if not most of the emotional and relational problems Christians experience are caused by lack of personal holiness. Many of our disappointments and discouragements do not come from circumstances or from other people but from our own unconfessed and uncleansed sin. And when circumstances and other people do manage to rob us of happiness, it is because we are unprotected by the armor of a holy life. In either case the cause of unhappiness is our own sin... Unholy living does not rob us of salvation, but it robs us of salvation’s joy.”*

– a pastor and prolific author

Applying practical righteousness means bearing \_\_\_\_\_.

▶ **John 15:5**

Applying practical righteousness brings \_\_\_\_\_.

▶ **Colossians 2:18**

Applying practical righteousness brings \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

▶ **Titus 2:10**

Applying practical righteousness defeats the \_\_\_\_\_.

## **CONCLUSION:**

To put on spiritual armor is to put on \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

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